1	2	3
Tamil Nadu	4026.8	4477.2
Tripura	275.7	275.7
Uttar Pradesh	20273.0	20150.1
West Bengal	6530.9	6412.6
A & N Island	14.0	14.0
D & N Haveli	18.7	18.7
Daman & Diu	3.3	3.3
Delhi	46.1	46.1
Pondicherry	32.4	32.4
All India	122753.8	123548.1

Passenger Amenities on Trivandrum Railway Station

3157. SHRI SURESH KODIKUNNIL : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are considering to provide more passenger amenities at the Trivandrum Central Railway Station; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A work for provision of additional terminal facilities at a cost of Rs. 2.65 crore has been included in the Budget 1996-97.

Electrification of Rail Section

3158. SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to take up electrification of Krishnanagar-Lalgola section of the Eastern Railway; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) and (b). there is no proposal to electrify Krishnanagar-Lalgola section of Eastern Railway over which the Traffic density is low at present and does not qualify for electrification.

Facilities to Passengers

3159. SHRI B. DHARMA BIKSHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the steps proposed to be taken to improve facilities to passengers at the Railways Stations of Bhongir, Aleir, Bibinagar, Nalgonda, Chityal, Miryalguda in Nalgonda District (SC Railway) recently?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) Improvements to facilities and amenities at railway stations is a continuous process which is undertaken by including suitable works in the Annual Works programme of the Railway and is dependent on the volume of traffic handled at a station the availability of funds and relative priorities.

Accordingly, works of provision of a cover over the platforms at Bhongir and Bibinagar; and paving of the platform at Bhongir; and raising of the height of the second platform at Nalgonda and the extension of the platform at Aler have been taken up.

Gauge Conversion in Karnataka

3160. SHRI ANANTH KUMAR : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether a number of proposals for conversion of Railway lines from meter gauge to broad gauge in Karnataka are awaiting clearance from the Governmen

(b) if so, the details of each project alongwith th allocation of funds for each of the projects separatel

(c) whether any new projects for conversion have been undertaken in the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof and criteria being adopted for their selection; and

(e) the time by which these projects are likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) No, Sir

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir. However, work on Mysore-Hassan line which was included in Budget 95-96 has been taken up now after obtaining approval of CCEA.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) This project would be completed by 31.5.97.

Halt at Sultanganj

3161. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of pilgrims visit Deoghar (Bihar) and they start their journey on foot from a railway station called 'Sultanganj' in Bihar.

(b) whether in this context a suggestion has been made that the Brahamputra Express train may have brief halt at Sultanganj for the facility of the pilgrims and

(c) if so, whether the railways would examine and approve of the suggestion?